

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Guidance for Alaska State Parks- Public Campgrounds  
(Including public campgrounds run by concessionaire or permit)  
Effective- May 4, 2020

A. COVID-19 Mitigation Plan:

- i. Alaska State Parks will limit access, hours of operation, camping, number(s) of people, and group sizes, as appropriate, to maintain social distancing rules under existing state health mandates.
- ii. Campgrounds listed in DNR Appendix A may not open due to: (1) site design (including camp-a-lots, parking lot campground, undesignated sites, site spacing, and inability to erect physical barriers); and/or (2) unit size (inability to assure sufficient staff at site/facility to limit and monitor crowd size or limit park hours, and otherwise assure adherence to current health mandates).
- iii. This guidance, and applicable COVID 19 Health Mandates (collectively the “Plan”), has been developed to address the practices and protocols to protect staff and the public, and will be clearly posted on entrance kiosks. The Plan will state that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter the premises.
- iv. The existence of the Plan will be posted on latrines, fee stations, bulletin boards, water sources, and bear boxes.

B. Staffing:

- i. Alaska State Parks will provide training/instruction for staff regarding all COVID-19 requirements and provide each staff member with a copy of the Plan.
- ii. Staff shall conduct pre-shift staff screening and maintain a staff screening log.
- iii. No staff displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may provide services to the public. Symptomatic or ill staff will not report to work.
- iv. No staff may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
- v. Alaska State Parks has a plan to address employees who become ill and a return-to-work plan. This plan is consistent with CDC guidance, which can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.
- vi. All staff must undergo proper training/instruction at the beginning of the season, including standards for:
  - a. Safe and sanitary fee collections and sales;
  - b. COVID-19 protective measures, sanitation, and cleaning;
  - c. PPE use and cleaning; and
  - d. Facility COVID-19 Mandate enforcement guidelines.

C. Social Distancing:

- i. Due to social distancing mandates, some facilities may not be able to open due to inability to provide adequate spacing. (See DNR Appendix A)
- ii. For those open campgrounds with a reservation system, reservations can still be made. All other open state campgrounds remain available first come, first served.
- iii. Non-household members are prohibited from sharing any cabin, tent, RV, or other lodging in any State Park facility.
- iv. Face coverings must be worn by all staff while working with each other or while interacting with the public.

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- v. Social distancing of at least six feet will be maintained between non-household members in common areas of the campground.
- vi. Campsites, tent sites, and RV sites must be spaced apart, and attempts to keep sites separated will be made based on facility design standards. This may prevent some facilities from opening. (See DNR Appendix A)

D. Hygiene Protocols:

- i. Alaska State Park campgrounds do not provide soap or hand sanitizer for general public use. Visitors must bring all supplies for adequate sanitation. Water sources are available. Proper guidance will be provided on the DNR website and on site.
- ii. Hand washing by state staff will occur as often as reasonably practicable. Disinfectant wipes and/or hand sanitizer will be available to all staff.

E. Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- i. Cleaning and disinfecting must be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols reflected in the Alaska State Park Latrine Cleaning Policy.
- ii. Staff will disinfect all common surfaces at when possible.
- iii. If necessary, one-half of all double-vault latrines will be closed. Single-vault latrines will remain open.
- iv. Day-use picnic tables and pavilions will be when possible. Campsite picnic table will be sanitized between reservations, but should also be sanitized by the guests before and after use.
- v. Notwithstanding anything else in this guidance, Public Use Cabins will be cleaned as often as resources and staff are reasonably available. Public Use Cabin visitors are advised to bring cleaning supplies and to clean and disinfect the cabin upon arrival and before they leave.
- vi. When any staff is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed on the affected areas as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practicable. In lieu of performing CDC cleaning and disinfecting, the affected park area may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.

CDC protocols can be found online at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.

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Alaska State Park Campgrounds unable to meet separation guidelines are as listed.

- Big Delta\*
- Big Lake North\*
- Big Lake South\*
- Birch Lake\*
- Bird Creek Overflow
- Clam Gulch
- Coho \*
- Crooked Creek\*
- Deep Creek Beach
- Deep Creek North
- Deep Creek South
- Denali View North
- Denali View South
- Funny River
- Gold Mint
- Government Peak
- Izaak Walton
- Little Su
- Lower Troublesome
- Matanuska Lakes\*
- Montana Creek \*
- Mosquito Lake
- Ninilchik River Scenic Overlook
- Pasagshak
- Portage Cove
- Quartz Lake\*
- Rocky Lake\*
- Silver King\*
- Squirrel Creek\*
- Steelhead\*
- Tok River\*
- Willow Creek

\*Run by concessionaire or permit through Alaska State Parks